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## **Local Student Goes to State Capitol**

### *Alpena High School Student Job Shadows Sen. Tony Stamas*

(LANSING) – Alpena High School senior Nathan Blury II followed state Senator Tony Stamas (R- Midland) to the State Capitol today as part of Alpena High School's Job Shadow Program.

The Job Shadow Program is intended to provide students with a first-hand look at various careers. Blury contacted Stamas to inquire about the possibility of following him around Lansing to see first hand how government works. Throughout the day Blury was officially recognized during a senate session (where Stamas' legislation was being discussed), attended a Senate Appropriations Committee meeting, and attended a meeting with executives from the Habitat for Humanity organization.

"It was an exciting day," Blury said. "I've had an interest in government for quite a while and it was great to be here and experience what a normal day in the legislature is like with Tony."

"I was more than happy to have Nathan with me here today," Stamas said. "It is encouraging and exciting to see young adults with such an interest in how the process works. I am glad I was able to be part of this experience with him."

Nathan will do a video production as his report on the day for his broadcast media class. The video will be shown to the entire school. Footage from the day will also be used in a promotional video for the Job Shadow Program.

Nathan, 18, is the son of Nate and Lisa Blury and is a lifelong resident of Alpena. He will graduate from Alpena High School in June of 2004 and plans to attend Alpena Community College, where he will study Business.

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**Editors note: A photo of Senator Stamas and Nathan Blury is available for download on the Senate Majority Photowire at:**  
<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Stamas/Stamas.htm>.